

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 7, 20, and 33 are objected to because of the following informalities: “the light source comprising a plurality of light sources” should be rephrased as – the light source assembly comprises a plurality of light sources – for improved clarity.

Independent claims 1, 16, and 28 (from which claims 7, 20, and 33 respectively depend) each recite “at least one light source”. Dependent claims 7, 20, and 33 then recite that the at least one light source “comprises a plurality of light sources” for these particular embodiments claimed in claims 7, 20, and 33. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 20, and 33 are sufficiently definite and clear as to permit those skilled in the art to readily understand the scope of such claims as originally filed. Further, independent claims 1, 16, and 28 do not recite a light source assembly such that the recitation of “the light source assembly” in claims 7, 20, and 33 would not have precise antecedent basis.

For purposes of expediting prosecution, Applicant would consider amending claims 7, 20, and 33 as follows: “the at least one light source comprises a plurality of light sources” should the Examiner continue with this objection.

NONSTATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11-13, 16, 20, 21, 24, and 25 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-12 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/606,325. Claims 5, 6, 17, 19, 28-30, 32, 33, 34, and 36-38 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/606,325 in view of Marston, U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. US 2003/0151910. Claim 35 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/606,325 in view of

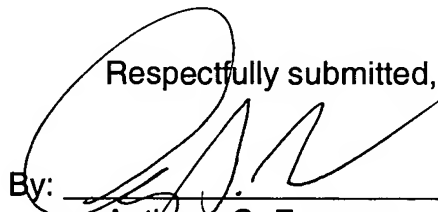
Marston as applied to claim 28 above, and further in view of Hanley, U.S. Patent No. 6,733,150. Claims 9, 10, 14, 22, 23, and 26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/606,325 in view of Hanley. Claim 16 and 18 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/606,325 in view of Polaire, U.S. Patent No. 6,721,962. Claim 31 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/606,325 in view of Marston as applied to claim 28 above, and further in view of Polaire.

While Applicant does not acquiesce in these rejections, Applicant nevertheless files simultaneously herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) for purposes of expediting prosecution. Accordingly, the double patenting rejections of claims 1-38 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If it would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned directly at 314-726-7502.

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